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STRAUS IS A SURE WINNER.

The Republican Nominee for South Town Assessor Has a Certain Thing on Election.

He Is Backed Solidly by the Business Element of the Big South Town.

He Is a Popular Man Born of German-American Parents in This Country.

And He Is Liked by All Who Know Him for His Fair and Honest Methods.

Mr. S. W. Straus, the Republican candidate for South Town Assessor, is one of the brightest young German-American business men in Chicago. The large German element of the South Town are highly pleased that the Republican party should honor them, by naming such a representative member of their nationality for the responsible and honorable office of Assessor.

In return they are rallying in a solid phalanx to the support of Mr. Straus, in whom they have entire confidence. The stars seem to point to Mr. Straus as the coming Assessor of the South Town, and the prospects of his rolling up a handsome majority April 5 are exceedingly bright; and why not elect this self-made young business man? His whole career as a business man in Chicago for the past fifteen years that he has been engaged in the business of real estate and loans, speaks for itself. His patrons and associates are the solid and successful business men of our great city, and they all speak in the highest terms of Mr. Straus as a gentleman who deserves to stand where he does to-day, in the front rank of our most successful and highly respected commercial men. There are many good reasons why the voters of the South Town should, irrespective of party lines, be glad to bestow upon Mr. Straus their right of franchise. First, because his record as a business man of high honor, integrity, and ability, proves that in the office of Assessor Mr. Straus will be the right man in the right place.

Second, He is young, honest, popular and capable, and the young men of to-day are of the unanimous opinion that it is no more than fair to give them an office now and then, and, as in this case, Mr. Straus is the young men's standard bearer, he should, and will, have the united support of the young business men of the South Town.

Third, Mr. Straus if elected Assessor is pledged to a universal reduction of taxation, and his knowledge of values will enable him to secure for the people a proper, just and equitable equalization, so that the burden of taxation will not fall unjustly on the poor and middle classes.

S. W. Straus is of German descent, 35 years old, and was born at Logansport, Ind. He is a large property owner and tax-payer, and a self-made business man. He is not a politician in any sense of the word, having never sought a political office. He is purely a business man, and as a candidate for South Town Assessor is one who should command the suffrages of the thinking business men of the South Town and good citizens generally, who are in favor of electing men to office who are known to stand for law, order and good government.

The Republican South Town Committee met Wednesday afternoon in the new headquarters in the Real Estate building. Among the features of the Republican campaign will be great posters which will bear the names of the Republican candidates and their platform which pledges the candidates: To an economical administration. To a universal reduction of taxation. To an honest expenditure of the people's money.

To courteous treatment of every taxpayer. To keep their offices and records open for public inspection at all times. Meetings will be held in every precinct in the South Town, and with the great superiority of the Republican over the Democratic nominees the Republican ticket ought to be elected.

Hon. D. W. Ackerman, Republican candidate for Alderman in the Twenty-eighth Ward, is conducting one of the liveliest campaigns in the city. He has arranged a series of meetings which will last until the night before election. The registration in this ward was heavy, and most of it was brought out by Mr. Ackerman's friends. He has received assurances from many Democrats that they will vote for him as a protest against the nomination of ex-Ald. Bigane.

Paul Redleske, North Town Collector, takes the place of Adam Press for Collector on the North Town Republican ticket. Mr. Press refused to make the race. It is said he was opposed to having Mr. Ackerman, who is called a gold Democrat, lead the Republican ticket. Mr. Redleske is a good man, and has been Collector for the North Town for several terms. His name will greatly strengthen the North Town Republican ticket.

Franz Amberg decided to stay as nominee for Assessor on the West Town Republican ticket. M. A. Mardis accepted the nomination for Clerk on the Republican South Town ticket. This fills all vacancies, and the campaign begins in earnest.

The Republican West Town Committee have opened headquarters at 139 West Madison street. The South Town Republican headquarters were established at Dearborn and Randolph streets, in the rooms used by the Municipal Voters' League.

The West Town Republican campaign committee consists of the West Town Committee, and Chris Mamer, representing Mr. Amberg; James Reddick, representing Mr. Hallstrom; A. O. Cooper, representing Mr. Gilbert, and Edward J. Dwyer, representing Mr. Crow. Chris Mamer will be chairman of the committee and Fred Blount chairman of the financial committee. The Democratic West Town Committee and the South Town Committee met Wednesday and made arrangements to open headquarters, raise campaign funds and select campaign committees. Leading Republicans count on winning out on the West and South Sides by handsome majorities.

Thirty-first Ward Republicans are to be congratulated upon the fact that they are to be represented in the City Council by a man like Joseph Badenoch. We ought to elect more men possessed of high character, ability and integrity like Mr. Badenoch to public positions of trust.

The solid business men of the South Town will vote for S. W. Straus for Assessor, because he is the kind of a man they have confidence in.

Hon. James McCartney, attorney for the Lincoln Park Board and ex-Attorney General of Illinois, is to be nominated by Republicans for Judge of the Superior Court.

Hon. F. S. Baird will be one of the Republican nominees for Judge of the Superior Court.

Hon. Zina R. Carter, first to be elected Mayor, and then Governor of Illinois, suits a large majority of Republicans and good citizens.

Democrats still talk of Hon. Jas. H. Eckels for Governor.

Hon. D. W. Ackerman has been unanimously nominated by Republicans for Alderman of the Twenty-eighth Ward. He looked after the interests of his people while serving them in the City Council before, and may be depended



HON. BENJAMIN J. WERTHEIMER.
A Probable Nominee for Superior Court Judge.

on to do more good work for the Twenty-eighth Ward taxpayers for two years from April 5, 1898.

Complaints coming from the Twenty-third Ward show the new primary law was not very rigidly observed in that stronghold of iniquity. The committee of 100 has heard of one case where voters were obliged to get down on their knees to see the ballot-box. Then they were compelled to put the ballots through a hole in a wall, where they were received by a man who was not a judge of election or in any way authorized to receive them. In another district the voters were asked to reach up high above their heads and hand their ballots to an unknown party behind a partition.

These cases are being investigated, and are likely to go to the Grand Jury.

Andrew J. Graham was on Tuesday notified by Gov. Tanner that he had been reappointed for a term of seven years as West Park Commissioner.

Bernard Mahoney, the Democratic nominee for Alderman in the Fifteenth Ward, is being asked to explain why he lobbied for the Case garnishee law at Springfield. This law leaves the working man only \$8 on pay day and is not popular. The Republican candidate in the Fifteenth Ward, Walter J. Raymer, has started his canvass in a most vigorous fashion, and if he does not win he will cause considerable surprise.

The largest number of registrations Tuesday was in the First Ward, where John Coughlin was largely responsible for adding 4,701 new names to the books.

Charles F. Brown is almost certain to be the next Alderman from the Twentieth Ward.

Far more important primary elections than those recently held will be those which come early in May. The new law provides that there shall be only two primaries by each party during the year—one between November and April, and another between April and November. The aldermanic and town elections necessitate the holding of last week's primaries; the county, State, Congressional and Senatorial elections necessitate the almost immediate holding of another set of primaries.

The State conventions, Republican and Democratic, have been called for dates late in May and early in June respectively. As the primaries to select delegates to these conventions must await the completion of the city campaign, there will be little time for the anti-primary agitation. The city campaign will take the general attention until April 5. Between then and May 12—which is the probable date of the next Democratic primaries—is but a trifle over a month. During this time the voters are supposed to select reliable

men to carry out their will in the County Convention, the Congressional Convention, and the State Convention.

In making slates for the county offices this fall the Democrats are not likely to overlook Edward Lafluff, private secretary of Mayor Harrison. One of the court clerkships is about where he gets off.

Voters of the West Town should elect Dr. George Leininger West Town Supervisor by a handsome majority. He is popular with the masses, a sterling citizen, an upright business man, and his splendid record as Collector of the



DR. GEORGE LEININGER.

West Town speaks for itself. Hon. T. E. Ryan's magnificent victory for the Assessorship nomination was largely due to the efforts of George Leininger, and Leininger's faithful friends.

William Kent, ex-alderman from the Thirtieth Ward, will probably be nominated for Congress in place of Congressman James R. Mann. At the recent primaries the Kochersperger-Mann Republican machine was smashed and C. M. Cook, the machine candidate for Assessor, failed to get the nomination. Kent is very popular with the anti-machine people of the Thirtieth Ward, and will doubtless be urged at the next primaries to permit his name to head a list of delegates. He does not want the position, he says. He is working hard for a good Council, but when the present fight is over he thinks of taking a long rest in California.

At Sunday's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor it was the unanimous opinion that candidates hostile to trade unionism should be defeated. It was the first time since the organization of the new central body that politics had clear swing and the discussion was indulged in by men of all political preferences.

Delegate Ellis of the Brushmakers announced that his organization had a grievance against Ald. Little of the Thirtieth Ward. He said the Alderman had failed to attend to some business regarding the brushmakers' label

on brooms and brushes used by the city, as he had promised. Mr. Ellis said that Ald. Harlan and Ald. Schlake had voted against Ald. Powers' ordinance requiring the horsehoofers' label on the shoes of the horsehoofers of the police and fire departments.

Mr. William J. Fortune proved himself to be the best choice that could have been made for the St. Patrick's day parade. The procession was creditable in all of its features.

Mr. John E. Fitzgerald, of the Twentieth Ward, has been made superintendent of the school census. A better selection could not have been made. Mr. Fitzgerald is active, intelligent and competent, and ought to make the best superintendent ever appointed.

James A. Quinn, charge d'affaires of the Gray campaign in the Twenty-fourth Ward, turned a neat trick Tuesday. He offered a prize of \$10 for the precinct captain who secured the highest registration. Besides, Mr. Quinn paid the expenses of the competitors for the prize. It is said that registration day in the Twenty-fourth Ward resembled a close election. Never was there such a turning out of Democrats. When the smoke of battle cleared, Mr. Quinn found himself several hundred dollars behind breakfast time, but he had the satisfaction of knowing he had succeeded in getting out nearly 2,500 unregistered voters in the interest of Mr. Gray.

Mr. Bazel W. Veirs, one of the brightest young lawyers in Chicago, is the Republican candidate for Alderman in the Thirtieth Ward. Mr. Veirs is attorney for the Prairie State Bank, and a number of our best building and loan associations. Hon. F. S. Baird and other leading citizens and neighbors of Mr. Veirs say that Mr. Veirs' chances of carrying his ward are good.

In the South Town, vote for S. W. Straus for Assessor, Charles Pierson for Collector, G. B. Anderson for Supervisor and M. A. Mardis for Clerk.

Dan Clemence and his friends have their eyes on First Ward colonizers.

At a regular meeting of the Carter H. Harrison Club of the Nineteenth Ward, held at its headquarters, 123 Blue Island avenue, Tuesday night, resolutions were unanimously adopted endorsing the course of Alderman John Powers in the Council, and advising all taxpayers and honest citizens to record a vote in his behalf. The club will hold a meeting the night the County Democracy visits the ward, at which the members are invited to attend. The club was organized and incorporated June 18 last, and holds regular meetings every Thursday evening. March 24 the club will give its third social entertainment at Curtis' Hall, corner Halsted and Congress streets.

HE DENOUNCES THE WIDOWS.

The Hull House Candidate for Alderman of the Nineteenth Makes a Strange Break.

In a Public Speech Printed in the Chicago Record He Hits Bereaved Women.

Forgetting that the Principal Opposition to Powers Comes from Non-Resident Women "Reformers."

There Is No Doubt About Powers' Re-election by Over 3,000 Majority at Least.

Alderman Powers will be re-elected Alderman of the Nineteenth Ward by 3,000 majority at least.

His magnificent record will stand by him and the confidence of the people will hold him up.

Mr. Powers' opponent, an alleged lawyer, named Armstrong, settled his own hash Tuesday night by an unaided attack on the poor widows of the ward. At a meeting of the "Blue Island Avenue Independent Club," held Tuesday night, Armstrong made a speech which, for lack of sense, takes the cake. Here is a report of Armstrong's speech, taken from the Chicago Record on Wednesday morning, and the Record would not lie about Armstrong, because it is supporting him:

"I would like to see the County Democracy doing a cake walk in Polk street for the benefit of 'Johnny' Powers. The widows of the ward and the city employees are for Powers. The way he has fixed the widows is not by the turkey and chicken trick, but by getting their permission to hang his pictures in their windows. He is plastering the ward with bogus advertisements of himself. I went to one building, which was nearly vacant, thanks to Powers, and asked the landlady how many voters she had in the house, as I noticed some Powers lithographs in the windows. She said: 'Go away and don't be botherin' me wid yer votes. Shure I'm a decent widow woman and livin' all alone.' Powers wants to make the people believe he owns the ward. The landlords should be against him to a man if they have any tenement buildings. Their property should be occupied by good, paying tenants. The throwing of a turkey this way and the throwing of the dice that way is not a sufficient answer to the voters' question: 'What have you done for the ward?'

"I am making Powers spend his money this year as if he had a mint behind him. He is very careful to avoid going into a saloon where a poor man is trying to make a living, but he goes into the saloons of men who have money to burn. I have turned my practice over to another lawyer, and I am here in the ward every day exhibiting myself and the people seemed to be tickled to death to see me."

Of course, the "widows of the ward" are for Powers, Mr. Armstrong. So are all the rest of the decent people of the Nineteenth.

There is no reason why a widow should not express her preference for Alderman as well as any other good citizen.

It is no crime to be a widow that we have ever heard of, and we have never heard that even the Hull House platform was against widows.

If the women who run the Hull House have a right to interfere in Nineteenth Ward politics, why have not the "widows of the ward" a right to express their opinion?

Is the fact that their husbands died in the ward, or that their sons live in the ward a bar to an expression of their political choice?

Hull House is run by a lot of women who came into the Nineteenth Ward to do "missionary" and political work.

Part of their missionary and political work is the nomination of Armstrong and attempt to defeat Powers.

Armstrong's attack on the widows of the Nineteenth will make his defeat all the more pronounced.

John Powers is undoubtedly the leader of a majority in the City Council of Chicago. As chairman of the Committee on Finance, the Alderman from the Nineteenth occupies a position of responsibility—a stronghold in municipal politics. He has earned it by long and

faithful service in the City Council. Alderman Powers has ably represented the Nineteenth Ward in that body for nine years.

His constituents like this staunch West Side Democrat. His friendship is not spasmodic. He is the same good fellow the year round. There is a big heart in his breast for the poor. Mothers and little children in the Nineteenth Ward, from the depths of poverty, sing praises to the man whose benevolence saves many from starvation every year.

He was a poor lad himself once. Born in Kilkenny, Ireland, Feb. 15, 1852, he came to America in 1872, subsequently locating in Chicago, where he saved enough money to go into business. He is a natural politician. Coming from the ranks of the plain people, he knows what they want. John Powers is also a shrewd political manager. He is a strong man in the party. The County Democracy elected him President in 1897, and through his efforts that organization has made its influence felt in city, county and State politics.

Among the probable candidates for Judge of the Superior Court at the next fall election is Benjamin J. Wertheimer. His selection would be matter for congratulation both to the bar and the people, for his reputation in his profession, as well as in his private life, is that of a lawyer and gentleman of high cultivation and accomplishments. He is fortunate in being a graduate of Dartmouth, the alma mater of such men as Jeremiah Mason and Daniel Webster, and also in having further pursued his student life abroad in Göttingen and Leipzig. His legal training was thorough, and his knowledge of the law has been ripened by a large and extensive practice. Coupled with these requirements, he has a natural judicial temperament; in fact, what many lawyers lose in pursuit of their profession, and some never attain—a true sense of justice. If his candidacy and election should depend wholly upon politics, he is a Democrat of the sterling kind, his partisanship being one purely of principle, and such as has endured since the days of Jefferson, and which, as he asserts, so long as it shall prevail, will insure the political safety of the people. He thinks there is nothing better than a good Democrat—unless it be two good Democrats—and that to be a true Democrat is to be a good one.

Possessed of a logical mind, acute powers of perception and analysis, with a strong memory, he has those qualities that would enable him to discharge the duties of the judicial office with decision and dispatch. It is just such qualities that are essential in a Judge of our Superior Court with a vast field of business before him. The trial Judge possessing them accomplishes the most by lessening indirectly the labors of the Appellate and Supreme Courts, whose function it is to review and give judgment on his work. They do not have to undo it. Mr. Wertheimer's candidacy will be welcomed by a large crowd of friends both at the bar and among the business men of the city, who admire him not only for his strong qualities of brain and heart, but for his charms of conversation and manner. It is to be earnestly hoped that the mantle of the judicial ermine may fall upon shoulders so eminently fit to wear it.

The election of Hon. D. W. Ackerman to the Council means more improvements that the taxpayers of the Twenty-eighth Ward stand sadly in need of.

Vote for S. W. Straus for South Town Assessor.